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A NEW STANDARD OF GREATNESS

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 20:17-28.
GOLDEN TEXT—Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister.—Matthew 20:26.

The nations of the earth and their leaders are engaged in a struggle to determine which land and which leader is to be the greatest. They may attempt to conceal their real motive under a cloak of high-minded and well-sounding objectives, but essentially the reason for their struggle is the desire to be great. To them greatness means size, strength, wealth, and position. It means that also to the average man on the street. What a pity it is that such is the case and that such a vicious and erroneous philosophy of life has been permitted to make its way even into the Church.

The world's ideas of greatness are entirely opposite to God's standards. God's people ought to learn what His ideals of life are and to live in accordance with them even in an unbelieving world. Both they and the world would be astonished at the result.

I. Dying for Others (vv. 17-19). With surprising clarity and detail the Lord Jesus once more revealed to His disciples that He was on His way to Jerusalem to die and to arise again. It is well worthwhile to note that apart from divine foreknowledge and inspiration it would have been utterly impossible for Him to give these facts in such exact detail.

The point we wish to stress is that the Son of God was steadfastly approaching the death of Calvary. He had no desire to live for self, to gratify His own wishes, to prolong His life, or to improve His position in the world. He had come to die but one thing, the will of God, even to the shameful death of the cross, there to bear your sins and mine. Let us give ourselves in loyal devotion to our dying and risen Lord.

II. Living for Self (vv. 20-24). Were it not written for us to read, we could hardly believe that the two disciples, James and John, who were so very near to our Lord, and their mother, who was a woman of earnest faith and sacrificial service to God, would be guilty of such an expression of selfishness, especially in that sacred hour when He had spoken of His approaching death. Disregarding what Jesus had said about His sufferings, they apparently could think only of His coming glory, and in thinking of that they could only covet for themselves the chief places. What a strange mixture of faith in Christ and an overwhelming desire for self-glory!

Perchance some of us have served Christ with a selfish desire for personal glory and position putting itself forward to influence our thinking and acting. Perhaps we do not see it in ourselves, but are like the other disciples who, seeing this hateful thing in John and James, were repelled by it, even as we despise it in others. It may be that the disciples were only angry because they had not thought to make the request for themselves.

III. Finding True Greatness (vv. 25-28).

"Rulers," "greatness," "exercise authority" — how modern these words from verse 25 sound! They epitomize the ambitions of the great majority of mankind today. Few indeed are those in the world who see the way to true greatness as that of the lowly Jesus. In every instance where they do rightly apprehend and live out this truth, one is satisfied that somewhere in their experience they have come to know His principles of life even though they do not know Him. Only in Him is such an attitude toward life to be found.

To be great one is to serve in the spirit of humility and self-sacrifice. This is the command of Christ. Even in the Church there are not too many who have heeded that word. If there were more of this spirit we would have less church quarrels, for essentially they root back to the desire for greatness. We may not admit that fact, but it is none the less true.

One wonders how great some of the pillars of the Church would look measured against the standard of verses 26 to 28. One wonders too how many of the humble workers of the Church realize their true greatness. Such greatness of heart is great simply because it does not so regard itself.

For Thy Name's Sake

But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake; because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.—Psalm 109, 21-22.

Jesus Asks Evidence

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, but they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.—John 17, 21.

SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR NEWS

By Constance Fulp

Mary Martin, a member of the Senior class, underwent an operation for appendicitis last Friday morning.

Josephine Murray, who underwent a minor operation, has returned to school.

A new member has been added to the high school faculty, Mr. Smeltz.

The U. D. C. conducted the chapel program Wednesday.

The Senior girls have been having a series of programs on Business and social etiquette.

JUNIOR NEWS

By Dot Johnson

The Mohogram Club met Monday at 10:30 in Miss LeGrand's room. Miss LeGrand gave a talk on the silver loving cup given to the undefeated girls' basketball team by Mr. Pudkin.

Tuesday the Junior girls stayed in their home room and sang songs. Miss LeGrand expressed her ideas on why people won't sing anymore.

Jean Akers has returned to school after a recent illness.

Marian Drinkard was absent from school Monday on account of a death in her family.

Three members of the U. D. C. gave talks on our chapel program Wednesday morning. They were Miss Louise Gills, Miss Anna Jones and Mrs. Louise Crawley.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

By Clara Whitney Moses

Miss M. Anna Jones, Miss Louise Gills and Mrs. Charles Crawley spoke to the old Confederate soldiers on Wednesday morning at the chapel program.

The Monogram Club met on Monday morning in Miss LeGrand's room. Talks were given by Miss LeGrand and Mr. Vanderslice.

The annual staff will have a meeting on Thursday.

The Sophomore girls are fixing up the Sophomore room with bulletins and drawings of Jackson and Lee.

Appomattox wants more careful automobile drivers.

Appomattox is a growing town!

FRESHMAN NEWS

By Hazel Schutt

Miss Anna Jones had charge of the chapel program Wednesday. She made a talk on General Grant.

Mrs. Charles Crawley made a talk on Andrew Jackson, and Miss Louise Gills made a talk.

News Of The Young American Civics Club

The Young American Civics club held its meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 1940 at the civics class period. Ilah Buchanan, president, presided. After the reading and approval of the minutes, a brief program was presented.

The president appointed the following program committee: Lillian Martin, Frances Harvey, and Herman Moore. The room committe is as follows: Thelma Smith, Hope Cralle and Frances Drinkard.

The Young Americans have challenged Miss Lucy LeGrand's civics class a debate to be given in chapel in a few weeks. The speakers from the Young American club are: Ilah Buchanan, Frances Harvey and Mary Martin. Three boys from the other class will be selected soon.

—Reporter, Frances Harvey.

Young American Club

By Frances Harvey

The Young American Club held its regular meeting on January 16, 1940, in Miss Virginia Christian's room, with Ilah Buchanan, president, presiding. The minutes were read and approved and the following program was presented:

Debate, Resolved, That our Civics class should have club programs.

Affirmative, Thomas Smith and Mary Helen Johnston; negative, Lillian Martin and Frances Gordon.

Humorous reading, Dorothy Reynolds.

After the program several games were played. The next meeting will be held January 23.

Vera Events

Vera, Jan. 17.- Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Coleman and Tyler F. Coleman spent Sunday with Mrs. Maude Abbitt, of Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Snead, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Abbitt.

Mrs. Ethel Baldwin, of Richmond spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Lewis Coleman.

Mrs. Ida Morris is spending a few days at Appomattox with her sister.

Mrs. J. J. Chernault spent Tuesday with her daughter, Edna, at Vera.

Mrs. A. B. Abbitt's baby is well again after being sick.

Edna Chernault motored to Lynchburg Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Thompson a baby boy Monday night.

Mrs. Maude Abbitt and Edna Chernault spent Monday in the home of Mrs. D. N. Robertson.

Friends were sorry of hear of Mrs Moses' death.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Carnefix spent last week-end with her parents, at Spoun Spring.

Walter Robertson has accepted a job in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Burnette spent Monday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Covington and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Burnette went to Halifax last Thursday.

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Father Darkleaf's Column

BY C.H.S.

We are afraid this weather will be severe for "Oskar." He has been outstiff every night since he came to Appomattox. He sleeps in the floor. But in the morning he is stiff as a poker. Only the most vigorous massage brings him around. It just isn't Oskar's sort of thing. Oskar is the young alligator that Ferrell recently fetched up from Florida.

Well guys, eh! Bob Hubbard and Jerry Harwood went on a trip to Danville last week. Shortly, friends in Appomattox received a copy of a Danville news sheet, and across the front of one front page was a great story that Bob Hubbard had won $10,000 on the race track, and another one that "Sunny" Harwood had installed a "herring" for all of the rural Trick of it was that that Danville Miami news sheet fixes any headline you want for four bits.

Make no sure bet: this snow will be the topic of conversation for days. Everybody will have to in detail to everybody else what he they had!

Roads were the local difficulties today, they are not comparable those in a large city. Most of us are in a vague way what it must be in a city without snow plows or to purchase it. Frequently I observe the driver of coal put to sell for five cents, and poor- families buy a few lumps at a. And "relief" doesn't take care of that. The relief department gives you a fixed ..., so much for food, so much for fuel, etc., and when there is heavy snow spell, something has to be done without. In the city of Wednesday November is more than a of inconvenience.

Only the very older folks can remember having heard reports of the severe winter of 1887. The county schools was at Clover Hill, and they were snowed in during the winter of 1887. The county schools was at Clover Hill, and they were snowed in during the winter of 1887. The county schools was at Clover Hill, and they were snowed in during the